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Editor McKelway on Expansion.

Elsewhere will be found, in full, the speech delivered by Editor St. Clair McKelway, of the Brooklyn Eagle, at the Associated Press banquet at Chicago last night. It is a notable and significant because of the subject and the position of Mr. McKelway, as the editor of one of the leading Democratic papers in the country, and a political opponent of the President, whose so-called expansion policy he unequivocally endorses.

The address is an eloquent discussion of the situation, and our duties and responsibilities with reference to the Philippines from the standpoint of a patriotic American. It is a logical presentation of the subject, from start to finish, and while he admits that many may differ from him in his views, and concedes them the right to do so, the speaker presents, as justification of the policy pursued at present, that it is impossible to adopt any other, under the obligation assumed, and maintain our national honor.

We call attention to this address, because it is a calm and conservative and fair discussion of the questions involved, presenting a few facts to the American newspaper fraternity to bear in mind in taking grounds upon the future policy as to the Philippines. Mr. McKelway shows clearly that the Philippines are incapable of self-government, and points out that we could not leave Spain in the Philippines, and could not restore them to Spain without making ourselves "worse than Spain in history, and without leaving a national enemy to work us harm in the heart of the commercial world of the far east." The United States should govern the islands under the "universal right and obligation of the capable to govern the incapable cast upon their hands." We commend the address to a careful perusal by our readers.

Collapse of a News Source.

The Register's sole reference to the Intelligencer's exposure of the manner in which its neighbor was cruelly deceived into making repeated "exclusive" publications regarding a coming conference between "councilmen and prominent B. & O. officials," and into boasting of its superior enterprise in making the discovery, though it never was able to give names, nor to tell whether the conference was to be held "in Wheeling or at a point on the road," is contained in the following lone sentence at the foot of its editorial column: "Our neighbor hasn't swallowed his sour grapes of the B. & O. brand yet."

Monday the Register's leading editorial exploited its exclusive information concerning this mysterious conference. It knew so much about, for about the third or fourth time, and declared the conference was to be held on that day. Tuesday the Intelligencer exposed the "fake" of which the Register was the victim. Wednesday its editorial space simply admitted the above two-line paragraph. No report of this conference, which the Register heralded in advance, "exclusively," both locally and editorially, has yet appeared, either locally or editorially. The Intelligencer has no "sour grapes" to swallow, but the Register's "exclusive and only reliable" news source has seemingly collapsed.

Harm Already Done.

Some important statements by Hon. John Barrett, ex-minister to Spain, who has just returned, after a stay of some months in the Philippines, are important at this time, when there is so much discussion concerning the pamphlets prepared by Edward Atkinson to distribute among the American troops. Mr. Barrett, without knowing much about the discussion that the Atkinson documents have excited in this country, gives some facts concerning the effect of those that arrived in the Philippines, before he left Manila, and before the steps were taken to prevent their further circulation there. He gave to the New York Sun an interview on the situation in the Philippines, and among other things said:

"The literature of the anti-imperialists was sent to the Philippines, according to the general understanding there, for the purpose of arousing a feeling of discontent among the volunteers. If that was the intention then the pamphlets might better have been kept in this country. I happened to be with a volunteer regiment the morning the first consignment of pamphlets was delivered. Those volunteers who were not enraptured that American citizens should be guilty of such work laughed at the text and made all kinds of fun of the writers and disseminators."

"But some of these pamphlets found their way to Aguinaldo's headquarters and that gentleman saw their value to him in an instant. He had them translated and distributed throughout his army and among the natives generally. Nothing could have given them more aid and comfort. The rank and file of the army was called upon to wit-

ness 'the feeling of their friends in America,' and encouraged to fight on, since final victory was almost within their grasp. And they fought on. There are those in the Philippines who believe that the lives of many American soldiers might have been saved had it not been for these pamphlets."

This is not the first witness who has given information concerning the effect of the pamphlets, and whose statements have fully justified the action of the postoffice department. Mr. Barrett states further in his interview that he is confident that the plans of the American commanders will be successfully carried out, from what he knows of the situation. He says he is convinced that the Filipino leaders are under the impression, from the literature that the Junta at Paris is furnishing them in the form of American newspapers and some speeches by certain politicians in this country, that the people of this country are not sustaining the government, and that fact has kept them from surrendering. He does not believe that anything has done as much mischief or has been so embarrassing to the American cause as the efforts of the self-styled anti-imperialists who have gone to the extent of encouraging the insurgents to promote their cause.

Associated Press and the Public.

The annual meeting of the members of the Associated Press, in Chicago, is one of the most important in the history of this greatest of news gathering associations. Its splendid facilities for the gathering and distribution of news, its wonderful resources, the scope of its service, taking in the entire world, and its perfect system and its conservatism, fairness and thorough reliability, were all thoroughly tested to the public satisfaction in the history-making year through which we have just passed, beginning with the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Both the Wheeling morning papers are members.

The manner in which the Associated Press covers the current events of the world's history has placed it at the head of all such associations, because of the excellent management and the complete system with which the news is gathered and distributed among its clientele by cable and telegraph. Its field is not alone in America, nor is its reputation confined to this country. Its agents and correspondents are not only in every news center of the United States, but at the important ports and cities of all foreign countries.

To this splendid organization is due the promptness with which the reading public everywhere is supplied daily with everything of importance, for it embraces in its membership a large majority of the daily newspapers of standing on this continent. It was the pioneer in what may be termed the co-operative system of news gathering, and the superiority and the extent of its operations have maintained their high standard for years. The annual meetings, such as the one now being held in Chicago, are the occasions of the assembling of the foremost men engaged in journalism in America, and the business and social acquaintances that are formed are of no small advantage and consequence to the profession. The business features are for the promotion and improvement of the service to the public, and for the general welfare of the association.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

The advertising of Mr. Carnegie's generosity with his money has somewhat embarrassed him over in England, where the people have taken him literally in much that he has said about distributing his wealth. The "mendicants" of that country seem to have gotten it into their heads that the American millionaire proposes to scatter his wealth abroad among individuals, and are pestering him so that he has been obliged to seek his castle in the highlands of Scotland for protection.

Mr. Carnegie frankly declares that he is going to his highland solitude from the army of mendicants who every hour importune him with subscriptions for every conceivable object. He declares his resources are already sufficiently hypothesized, and bombarding him with further appeals is simply "adding to the postal revenue." The British solicitors are unable to comprehend the character of the gifts the iron king proposes to give.

The thunder storm which passed over Wheeling Tuesday night, lasting something like three or four hours, was more notable for the brilliant electric display than the amount of rain and wind. Wheeling, therefore, should be thankful that it was not in the direct track of the storm which preceded it and was general throughout this section of country. Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio received the worst of it. Towns and villages and cities were struck hard in the afternoon previous to the arrival of the disturbance here. Pittsburgh and Allegheny were cut off from telegraphic communication, and elsewhere school buildings, churches and other buildings were wrecked and farmers' crops were damaged. With these things going on all about us, Wheeling happily escaped without a scar, and ought to be thankful she did not lie in the path of destruction.

The government estimate of the gold output on the Yukon, in the Klondike, this year will aggregate \$19,000,000, the figures leaving out of consideration a number of important locations, which may greatly augment the aggregate.

A new question arises in connection with the popular subscription to present Admiral Dewey with a \$100,000 residence in Washington, the point being that the admiral, not having a large income, nor a large family, would have little use for so great and costly a mansion as is proposed. The suggestion is

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Lots of bright hope is exchanged for gloomy experience.

The giddy girl makes a merry companion, but a sorry wife.

Art is long; that is why women linger in front of the mirror.

Some people can best make their presence felt by their absence.

A man's head is apt to feel lightest when he has a heavy load on.

A blind man should never attempt to build a house until he gets his site.

It's foolish to worry about the things you can or the things you can't.

Pyramids are so called because they appear amid the desolation of the desert.

The truth that occupies a nutshell finds some minds too narrow to give it room.

Conceit is not a virtue, yet every man should have a little of it in his make-up.

The more a man gets the more he wants, and the more he wants the more he doesn't get.

Contrary to the general rule, the street-car finds its hangers-on a source of revenue.

The man who owns a paste-diamond isn't necessarily an Irishman just because he wears a sham-rock.

Any man who can deliberately pass a dog light on the street without glancing at it possesses true dignity.

"My back is almost broken with this weary, weary load," sighs a poetess. She ought to make her husband carry up the coal.—Chicago News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The surest way to get out of love is to get well in.

Man's pursuit of woman catches her; woman's pursuit of man loses him.

Satan will use most any tool to tempt man, but when it comes to woman he employs no substitute.

A man's success with a woman depends not on how he makes love to her, but on how he doesn't let her make love to him.

Every time a woman practices economy by making her husband a necktie, he goes off and spends fifteen dollars drowning his sorrow.—New York Press.

The Price Had Risen.

"I took two gals down street last night to get 'em some ice cream," said George Washington Snowball. "But when I got down I mos' had a fit of heart disease."

"What was the trouble? Did they ask for a second helping?"

"Secor! help nothin'. Dey didn't eben git de first helpin'."

"What was the reason? Did you discover that you had left your money at home?"

"No, sah; dat wasn't what was de matter at all. We went down street just as happy as you please, sah—one gal on each arm, you know—an' when we got in sight of de ice cream saloon I read dat sign, and I fought I should drop dead."

"What did the sign say?"

"It said: 'Ice Cream, 81 25 per gal.' I had two gals, you know, beside myself, an' I had no pocket full of money. Say, mister?"

"Well?"

"Do you fink one ob dem trustees has got hold ob de ice cream business?"

—Harpers' Bazar.

Not a Good Prophet.

Ritchie Gazette: We have no doubt of McKinley's renomination, and we have no doubt of his defeat. It has become an unwritten law that no President can succeed himself, and it is a good one.—Wetzel Democrat.

The above is easily said, and no doubt is the honest expression of an honest opinion, but the Gazette does not believe it is correct. The signs are all in favor of McKinley's re-election, and the Democratic party is going to render efficient aid in that direction. It is so hopelessly divided and has such a capacity for blundering that success is almost certainly assured to the Republicans. If Bryan is re-nominated, a large element in the Democratic party will not support him, and if he is not the nominee a still larger element will bolt the ticket. This is all reasonably certain, and appears to knock out the calculation of the Wetzel Democrat.

A Delicate Plea.

"Father," said the boy, who was looking pensively at the sunshine and luxuriant foliage which told of approaching June.

"What is it?"

"Where do you suppose General Funston would be to-day if his father had punished him so that he was afraid to go in swimming?"—Washington Star.

Worry.

He never had to hurt himself To earn his daily bread; The sun was always shining long Before he left his bed; He never had to work to hold A job from day to day; His father was a millionaire Who let him have his way.

The cars that come to weigh you down He never had to bear; To one with all his luck the world Should have been very fair; But off with heavy heart he sat Groaning at his work; Because a little brindle walt Had grown up in his nose.

What if some men are fortunate And some are otherwise? What if some men gain worldly heights While others never rise? If all the curses of men, somehow, They'd hunt for new ones and proceed To worry anyway. —Chicago News.

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THE ENGLISH SPARROW.

Some of His Good Points—Birds as Weed-Destroyers.

The Year Book of the department of agriculture, just issued, contains some interesting information upon the sparrow question, derived from a careful inquiry as to the food habits and an examination of the contents of the stomachs of over 4,000 of these birds. "With all his faults," the Year Book says, "the English sparrow does some good by assisting in the work of weed-seed destruction. Flocks of thousands of these birds may be seen every autumn on the lawns of the department of agriculture, feeding on crab-grass and yard-grass, two weeds which crowd out good turf-making grasses. The English sparrow also deserves credit for destroying seed of the dandelion, which is a prolific weed throughout the United States, especially in lawns, cemeteries and pastures."

The English sparrow, the department says, "is considered a pest." It does not pass an absolute judgment on its own authority, however. The native sparrows, although they frequently sample grain in stubblefields, have not as yet been found guilty of making serious depredations. Of nineteen native birds examined, representing song field, chipping, and grasshopper sparrows, only two had eaten grain, and these had taken only one kernel each, while every one of the five English sparrows was gorged with wheat. In the destruction of dandelion seeds the English sparrow is aided by several native birds, chiefly the song-sparrow, but so far as observed the native birds usually do not cut open dandelions, but feed upon those left by the English sparrow. Of the troublesome weeds, especially among the hood crops, nearly every one is an annual, and its seeds are generally eaten by the native sparrows during the colder half of the year. Prof. Beal, who has carefully studied the upper Mississippi valley, estimates that in the state of Iowa alone the tree sparrow annually destroys about 875 tons of weed-seed during its winter sojourn.

Dr. Judd, assistant in biological survey, in summarizing this chapter on birds as weed-destroyers, asserts that not less than fifty different birds serve man in this capacity, and that the noxious plants which they help to eradicate number more than sixty species. During the colder half of the year food is furnished for many species of birds by well-known and widely distributed weeds. Goldfinches destroy weeds which are not touched by other birds, confining their attacks chiefly to a group of plants, many of the members of which are serious pests. But the birds which accomplish most as weed-destroyers are the score or more of native sparrows that flock to the weed-patches in early autumn and remain until late spring. During cold weather they require a good deal of food to keep warm, and they are hearty eaters. Because of their gregarious habits, they are efficient consumers of seeds of ragweed, pigeon-grass, crab-grass, bindweed, purslane, smartweed, and pigweed. In short, these birds are little weeds whose work is seldom noticed but always felt.

Books do not Teach Everything.

New York Press: "He loved flowers, but he hated botany," is a bit of eulogy of a dead Massachusetts millionaire that will awake a responsive echo in many a pulsating heart these beautiful spring days. Academic courses are not necessarily essential to an overwhelming appreciation of the glories of nature.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Inquiring Boy (to his mother)—Ma, what did the moths eat before Adam and Eve wore clothes?—Harpers' Bazar.

Not to be Imposed On.—"Joshua fixed our congressman." "What did he do?" "He wrote to him for three dollars so he could replace the garden-seed that didn't grow."—Chicago Record.

Just in Vogue.—"Clementine, what did you do with that curtain goods you bought last week?" "Well, it was entirely too loud for curtains, so I made a shirt-waist of it."—Chicago Record.

Purely Speculative.—"Hell," said the preacher, impressively, "is paved with good intentions." "Wonder what sort of a bicycle path they make," mused the wheelman.—Philadelphia North-American.

Mr. Porcine—What a lovely rainbow that is! Mrs. Chipbeef—Do you think so? Mrs. Porcine—Why, don't you? Mrs. Chipbeef—Oh, I dare say it's all very well, but the colors are too loud for my taste.—Tit-Bits.

A Boston Boy Could Not—Lady Visitor—Would you not give the biggest half of your candy to your little sister? Little Ralph Waldo—I would not, lady Visitor—Why not? Little Ralph Waldo—Because two halves of the same whole are equal.—Puck.

Hicks—It's all right indulging in a little hyperbole when you are making love to a woman; but there's such a thing as overdoing it. Wickes—A for example? Hicks—Why, Doubleday. He has been married three times, and he told Miss Kwarry the other evening that she was the first woman he ever loved.—Chicago Record.

Making It Clear.—"In this passage, brethren," said the Rev. Dr. Sixthly, closing the volume, "Paul suggests somewhat obscurely the great doctrine of the general resurrection. Let us see if we cannot bring it out a little more clearly." The good doctor then proceeded to show wherein Paul had failed to grasp the real idea.—Chicago Tribune.

THERE is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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